(6) Adequate steps shall be taken for speedy disposal of pending court cases booked under the NDPS Act.

(7) Steps shall be taken for speedy establishment of Special Courts for trial of cases booked under NDPS Act.

(8) All agencies shall furnish the requisite reports regarding sampling, storage and disposal of drugs.

(9) All Agencies shall furnish seizure reports and monthly performance reports regularly and on time.

Investment in Iranian Oil Companies

3179. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have asked Iranian Government to give their Public Sector Undertaking Oil Companies on equity sharing basis in the Oil and gas sector; and

(b) if so, the response of Iran Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) Under the policy prevailing in Iran, the Oil and gas sector projects are offered to foreign companies, predominantly on "Buy Back" arrangements, which does not permit equity ownership in such projects.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Subsidies on gas and kerosene

3180. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that subsidies on domestic cooking gas and kerosene had doubled from Rs. 7,480 crore to Rs. 14,200 crore in 2000-2001;

(b) if so, the quantum of the subsidies attributable to cooking gas

and to kerosene; and

(c) in what manner these subsidies have been brought down in 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) The subsidy on domestic LPG and PDS kerosene was about Rs. 14,246 crore in 2000-2001. As against this, the subsidy during 1999-2000 was about Rs. 12,644 crore.

(b) and (c) The break-up of subsidy amount amongst domestic LPG and PDS kerosene for 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 is as follows:

(*Rs. in crore*)

Products	2000-2001	2001-2002 (Provisional)
Domestic LPG	6724	5830
PDS kerosene	7522	5310

Agreement between GAIL and NIOC

3181. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gas Authority of India and the National Iranian Oil Company have recently signed an agreement of cooperation;

(b) if so, the areas of cooperation to be covered under this agreement and the terms of the agreement; and

(c) the extent to which it is likely to augment CNG supplies and availability in India?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) and National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) have signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) on January 17, 2002 covering gas and related sectors for mutual cooperation. MoC *inter-alia* includes to evaluate and identify the areas for mutual cooperation and scope of its development.